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POWERFUL (?) ANCIENT SPIRIT



**BREEZIE
THE HEDGEHOG**
"LEGIT" BUSINESS WOMAN

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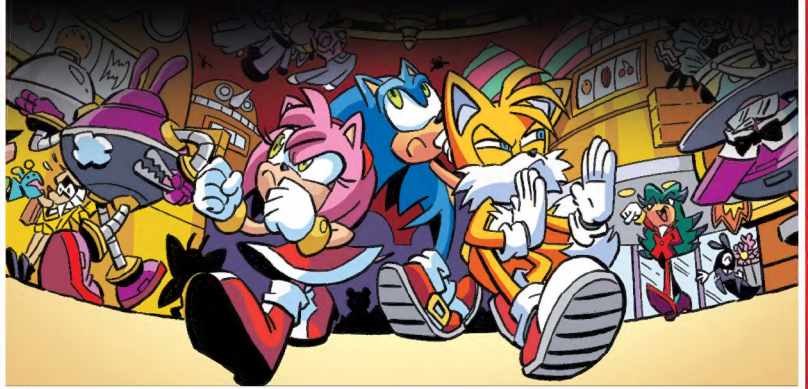
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EGG ZONE--
YEARS AGO...

YOW!
WHERE'D
YOU COME
FROM?!

**BREEZIE
THE
HEDGEHOG**
SONIC'S
"RESCUED"
COMPANION

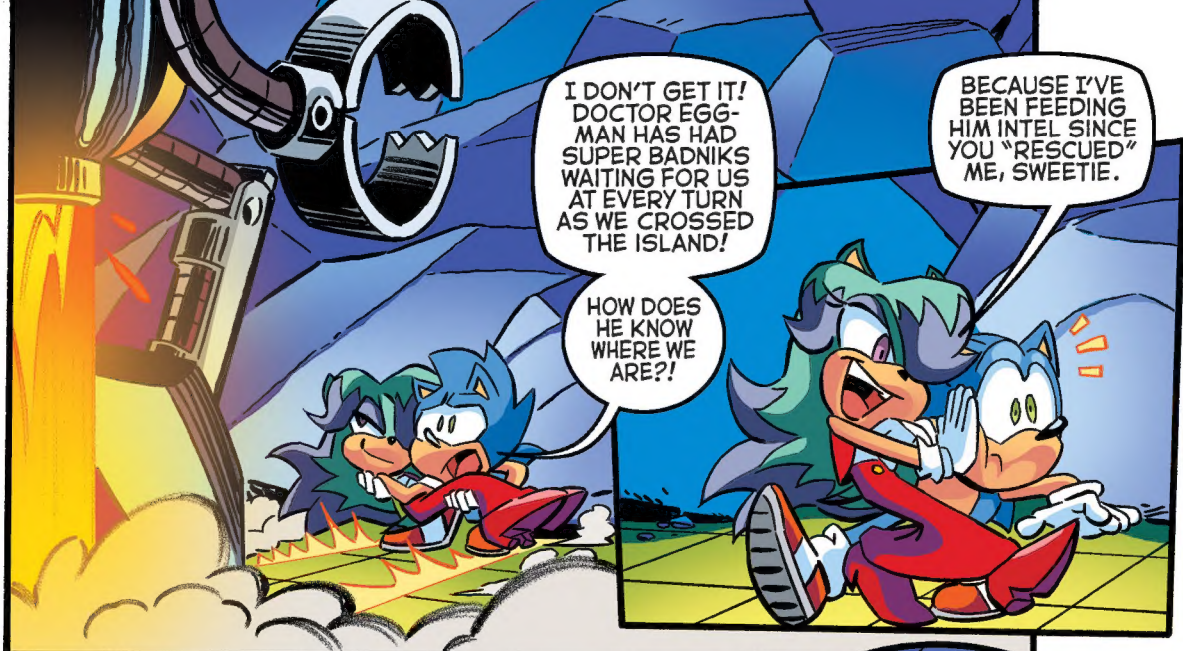
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THE
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SONIC**
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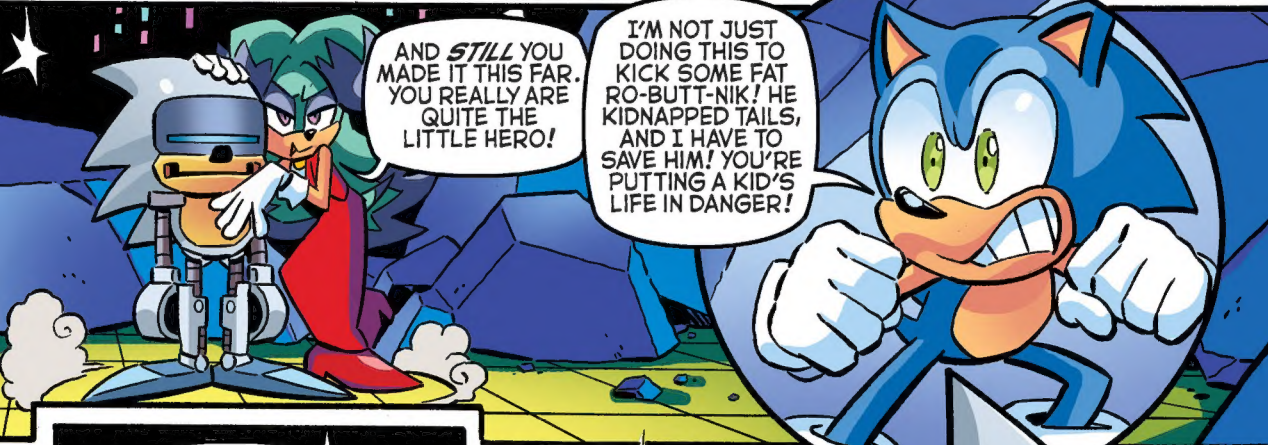
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I DON'T GET IT!
DOCTOR EGG-
MAN HAS HAD
SUPER BADNIKS
WAITING FOR US
AT EVERY TURN
AS WE CROSSED
THE ISLAND!

BECAUSE I'VE
BEEN FEEDING
HIM INTEL SINCE
YOU "RESCUED"
ME, SWEETIE.

HOW DOES
HE KNOW
WHERE WE
ARE?!



AND *STILL* YOU
MADE IT THIS FAR.
YOU REALLY ARE
QUITE THE
LITTLE HERO!

I'M NOT JUST
DOING THIS TO
KICK SOME FAT
RO-BUTT-NIK! HE
KIDNAPPED TAILS,
AND I HAVE TO
SAVE HIM! YOU'RE
PUTTING A KID'S
LIFE IN DANGER!



SORRY, BUT *MY* LIFE
COMES FIRST. AND,
AFTER HELPING THE
DOCTOR, I'LL *NEVER*
WORRY WHERE MY NEXT
MEAL IS COMING FROM,
NEVER WORRY ABOUT
WHETHER I'LL SLEEP
INDOORS AGAIN...

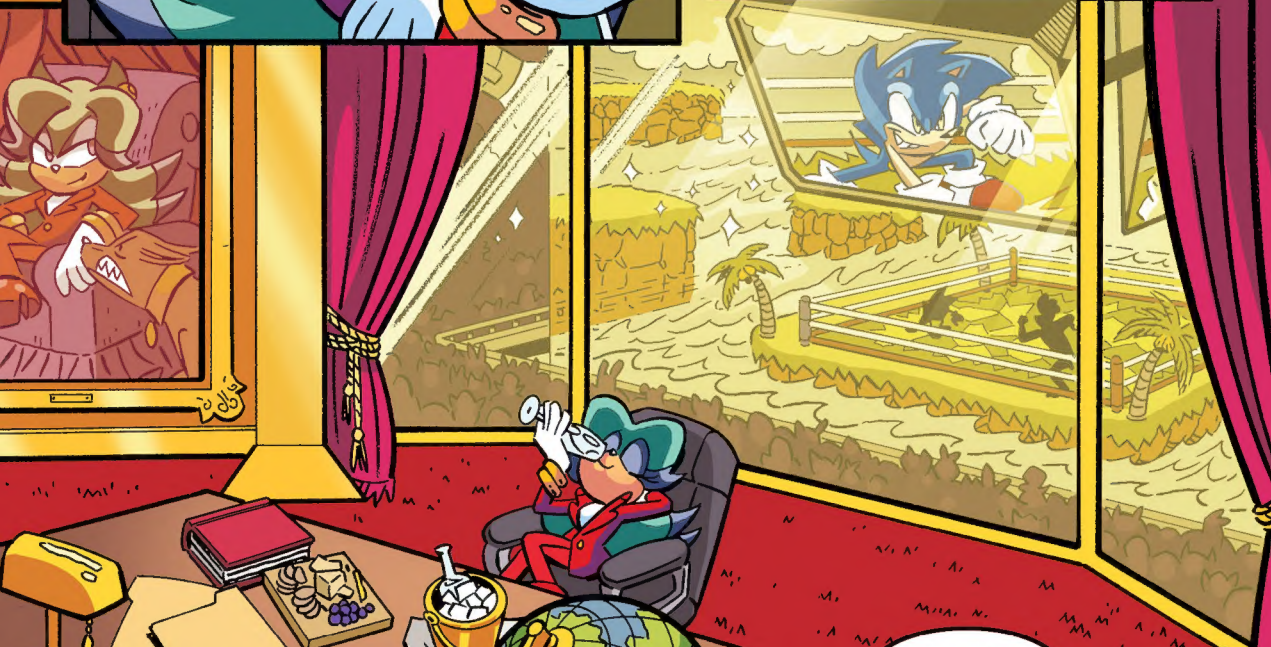


IT'S BEEN FUN,
LITTLE BOY--
BUT NOW IT'S
OVER!

CASINO
PARK--
TODAY.

...AND THEN HE STILL
MANAGED TO SAVE THE
KID AND FOIL THE
DOCTOR. HE REALLY
DID BECOME A
SPECTACULAR HERO.

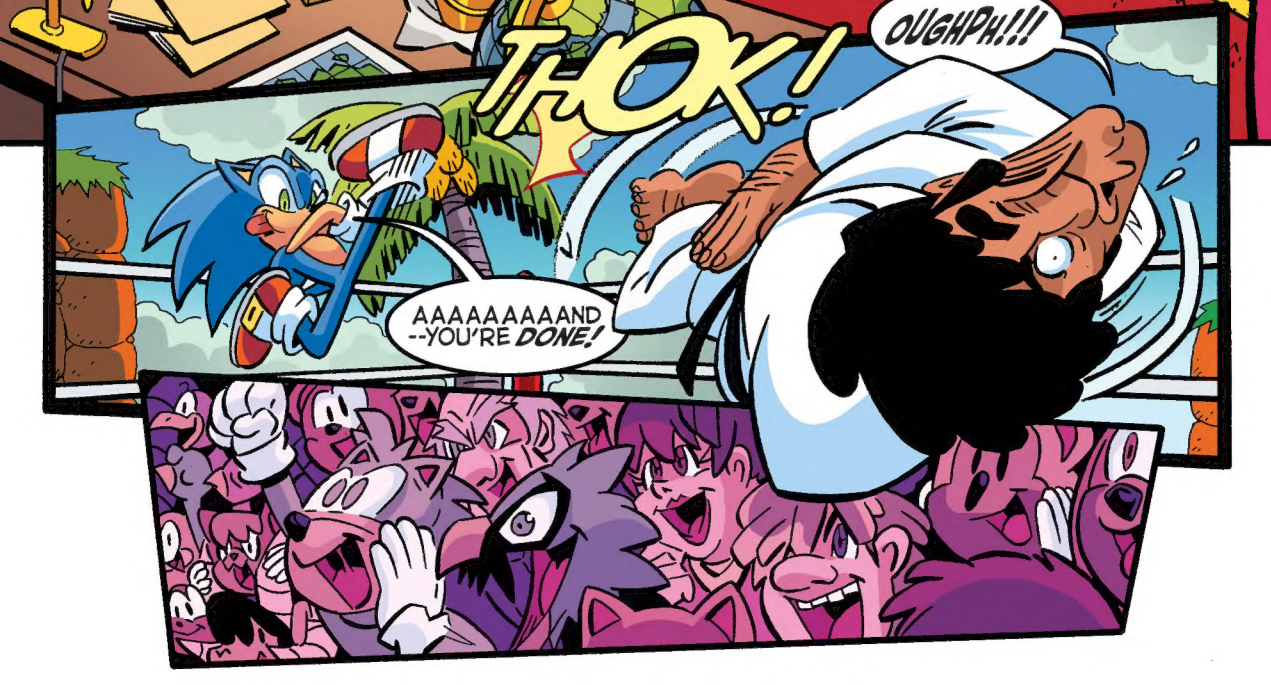
AND I'M STILL
ABLE TO USE HIM
TO MY ADVANTAGE.



THOX!

OUGHPH!!!

AAAAAAAAND
--YOU'RE DONE!



AND THE WINNER BY T.K.O.--**SONIC!**

I HAVE LOST TO *THE* SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. I FEEL NO SHAME IN THIS.

YOU FOUGHT PRETTY WELL, MISTER. THANKS FOR KEEPING THINGS INTERESTING.

SONIC! SONIC! SONIC!

I GOTTA ADMIT-- BREEZIE IS AT LEAST PARTLY RIGHT. GIVING THE PEOPLE A LITTLE DISTRACTION FROM THE SHATTERED WORLD IS A BREAK EVERYONE NEEDS.

SONIC! PSSST! HEY!

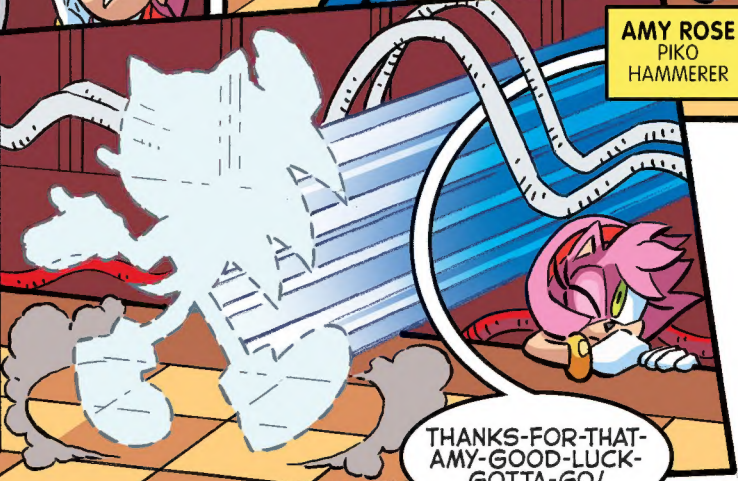
IS YOUR FIGHT NEXT?

YES, BUT--!

KEEP YOUR BOOTS ON! I'LL MOVE IN A MINUTE.

IT'S ALMOST SUNSET!

**AMY ROSE
PIKO
HAMMERER**



THANKS-FOR-THAT-AMY-GOOD-LUCK-GOTTA-GO!

SLAM!

ARRRGH!



THAT WAS CLOSE.

I'VE GOT A HANDLE ON THIS WHOLE TRANSFORMING-AT-NIGHT SCHTICK, BUT THE LAST THING THE WORLD NEEDS TO SEE RIGHT NOW IS THEIR FAVORITE BLUE HERO TURNING INTO... **THIS**. *

* STH 264-267-EDITOR.



FOMPI!

I HATE SITTING STILL LIKE THIS--BUT I DUNNO WHAT ELSE TO DO.

AT LEAST I CAN WATCH AMY AND TAILS' FIGHTS AND CHEER THEM ON FROM HERE. TOO BAD SAL COULDN'T BUY MORE ENTRIES FOR THE TEAM...

click!

"...I WOULD'VE LIKED A FEW MORE FRIENDS ON OUR SIDE."

THINGS ARE GOING SMOOTHLY. SONIC HAS WON HIS FIRST MATCH.

TAILS WILL FACE HONEY, WHO APPEARS TO BE AN ALLY. EITHER VICTOR IS STILL GOOD FOR OUR CAUSE.

AND AMY--

ESPIO
CHAOTIX
DETECTIVE

YAAAAAAA
AAAAAAH!

PIKO!

...YEAH, AMY WILL BE FINE.

THE HOOLIGANS ARE MY ONLY CONCERN. I'LL BE FIGHTING BEAN FIRST-- BUT I CAN HANDLE THAT GABBERING DOPE.

I JUST WISH I COULD FIND KNUCKLES...

"... AND LET HIM KNOW I ADDED HIM TO THE ROSTER!"

CASINO PARK-- GAMING HALL...

... AND THIS LITTLE NUMBER SET ME BACK QUITE A BIT! IT'S MADE BY THIS VERY EXCLUSIVE JEWELER--YOU WON'T HAVE HEARD OF HIM...

ACTUALLY--THAT'S A SHARD OF A LARGER GEM. YOU MUST'VE FOUND IT IN YOUR BACKYARD OR SOMETHING.

IT BELONGS TO ME. I NEED IT BACK--NOW.

KNUCKLES GUARDIAN ON A QUEST

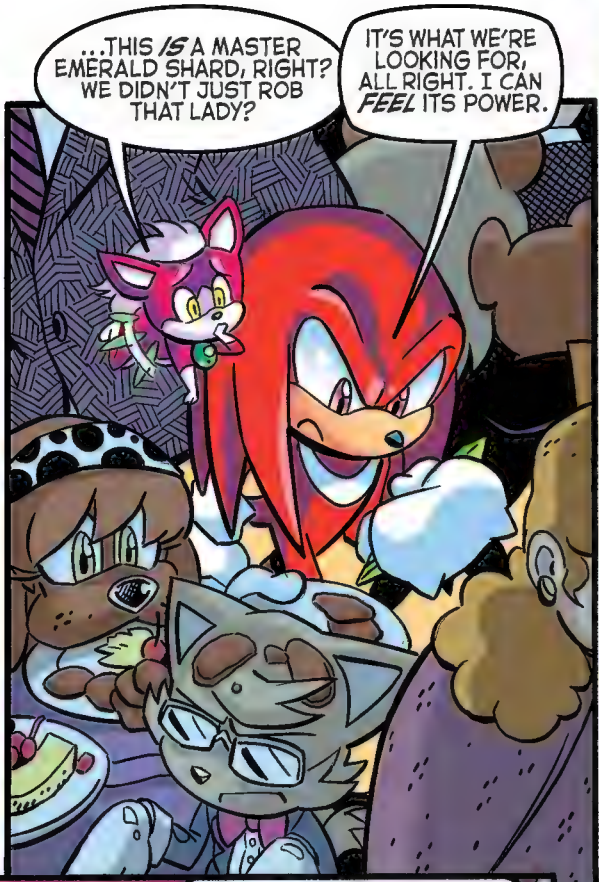
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU THINK YOU ARE, SIR, BUT I WEAR ONLY THE FINEST IN EXCLUSIVE JEWELRY!

EXCUSE ME. I MUST'VE BEEN MISTAKEN.

≡HMPH!≡ INDEED!

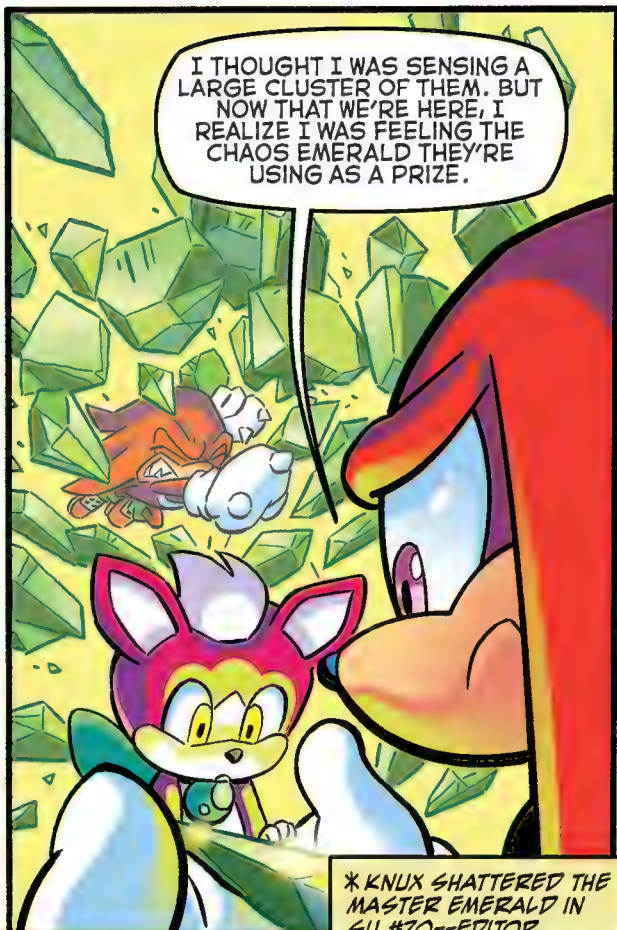
HONESTLY! THEY SEEM TO LET ANY RIFF-RAFF IN HERE THESE DAYS!

CHIP (SUPPOSEDLY) GREAT SPIRIT



...THIS IS A MASTER EMERALD SHARD, RIGHT? WE DIDN'T JUST ROB THAT LADY?

IT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR, ALL RIGHT. I CAN FEEL ITS POWER.



I THOUGHT I WAS SENSING A LARGE CLUSTER OF THEM. BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, I REALIZE I WAS FEELING THE CHAOS EMERALD THEY'RE USING AS A PRIZE.

* KNUX SHATTERED THE MASTER EMERALD IN SU #70--EDITOR.



WELL, ONCE WE CAN GRAB THAT ONE, WE CAN ADD IT TO THE ONE I FOUND IN THE MINES, WE'LL BE THAT MUCH CLOSER TO SAVING THE WORLD!

YEAH... WHICH MEANS WE'RE ALSO THAT MUCH CLOSER TO DROPPING MY ISLAND INTO THE OCEAN...



OH, NEAT! ONE OF THE TOURNAMENT FIGHTERS HAS TWO TAILS!

WHAT THE-- TAILS?!

YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I SAID!

IF HE'S HERE, THAT MEANS SONIC PROBABLY IS, TOO. MAYBE WE CAN...

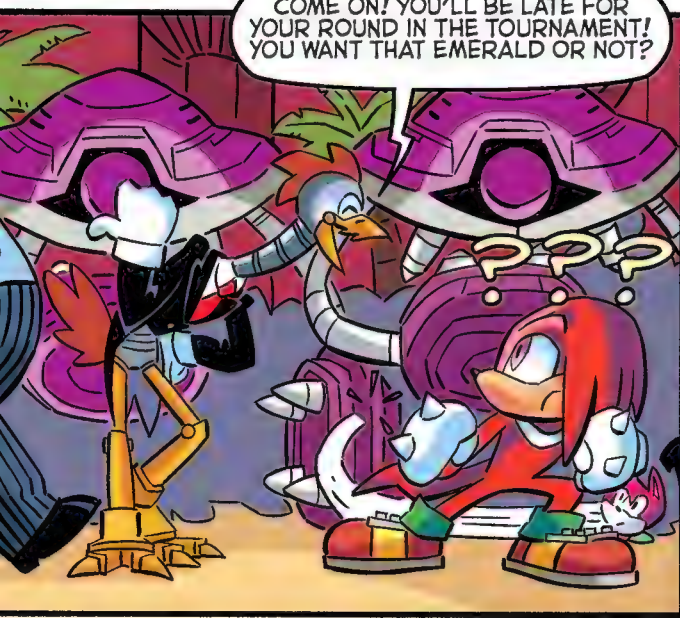
PSST! KNUCKLES!



HEY! YOU!
WHAT DO YOU THINK
YOU'RE DOING?!



OH, NO! THE
CELERY DECOY
FAILED! THEY'RE
ON TO US!



COME ON! YOU'LL BE LATE FOR
YOUR ROUND IN THE TOURNAMENT!
YOU WANT THAT EMERALD OR NOT?



BUH? WHEN DID
I ENTER THE...

THIS IS
PERFECT!
YOU
COULD
JUST
WIN...

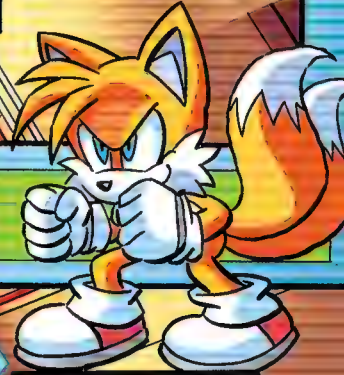
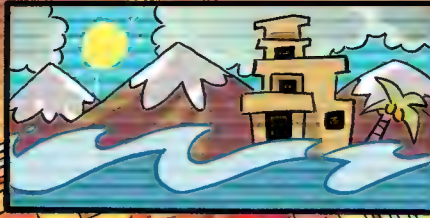
...THE
EMERALD!



HEY... YEAH!
LUCKY US!

FROM THE HEART OF EMPIRE CITY!
COMING TO YOU *LIVE*
FROM CASINO PARK! IT'S THE
NEXT ROUND IN THE CHAOS
BATTLE ROYALE!

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM
IS BROUGHT TO YOU
IN PART BY...

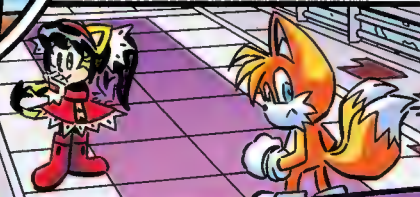


THE MEROPIS
TOURISM BOARD!
...WHEREVER
THAT IS...

HEXACO ENERGY--
BUILDING A BRIGHTER,
HEALTHIER
TOMORROW!



AAAAAND METEORTECH
--NOW UNDER NEW, NON-
EVIL MANAGEMENT!
FANCY THAT!



"OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART
DYNAMIC ARENA IS
GENERATING OUR NEXT
BATTLEFIELD, AAAAND--"

"OOH! WE'VE GOT A
ROCKY RIVER RIDE!
HOW EXCITING!"

WELL--HERE WE GO!
GOOD LUCK! LET'S
GIVE 'EM A SHOW!

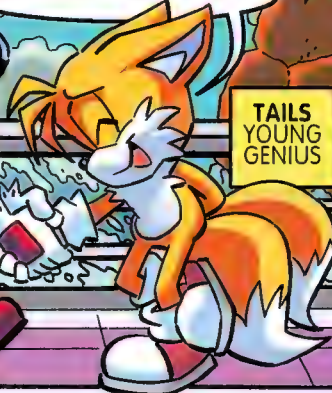
HEH HEH--I'M NOT
REALLY MUCH OF A SHOW-
MAN. I'M JUST HERE TO
WIN THE CHAOS EMERALD
AND SAVE THE WORLD.

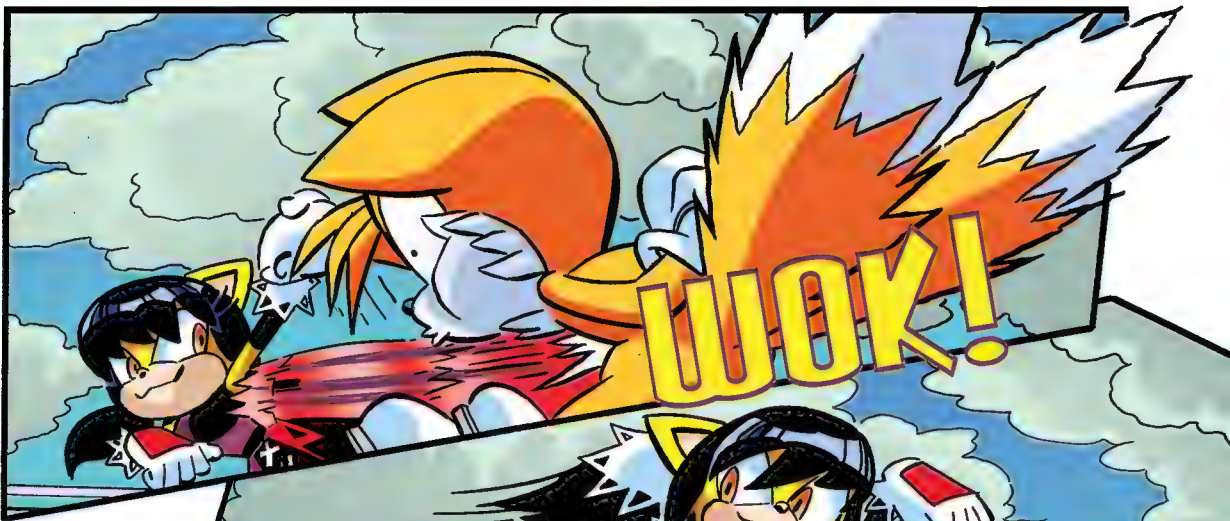
AH, BUT YOU *HAVE* TO
MAKE THE CLIENTELE
HAPPY...

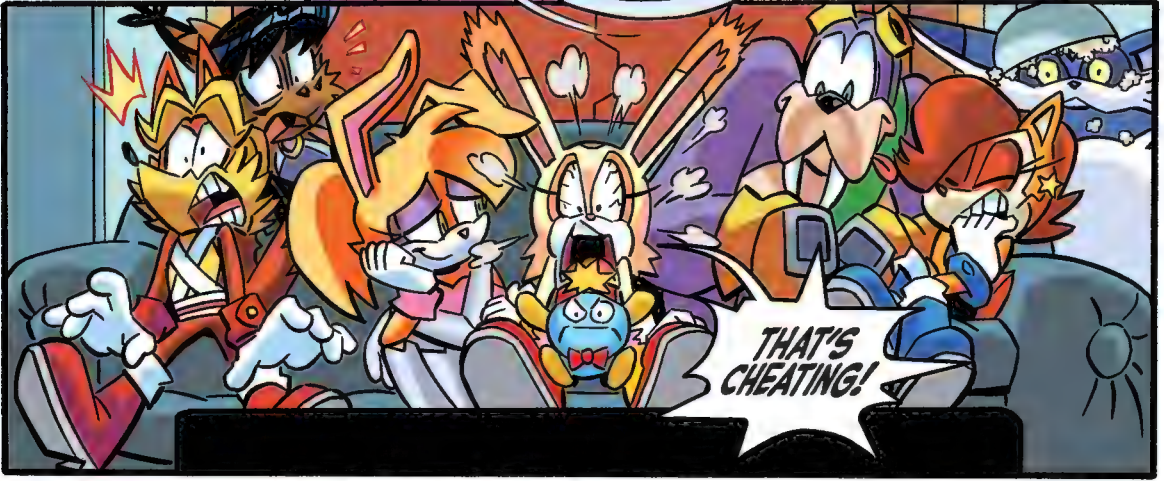
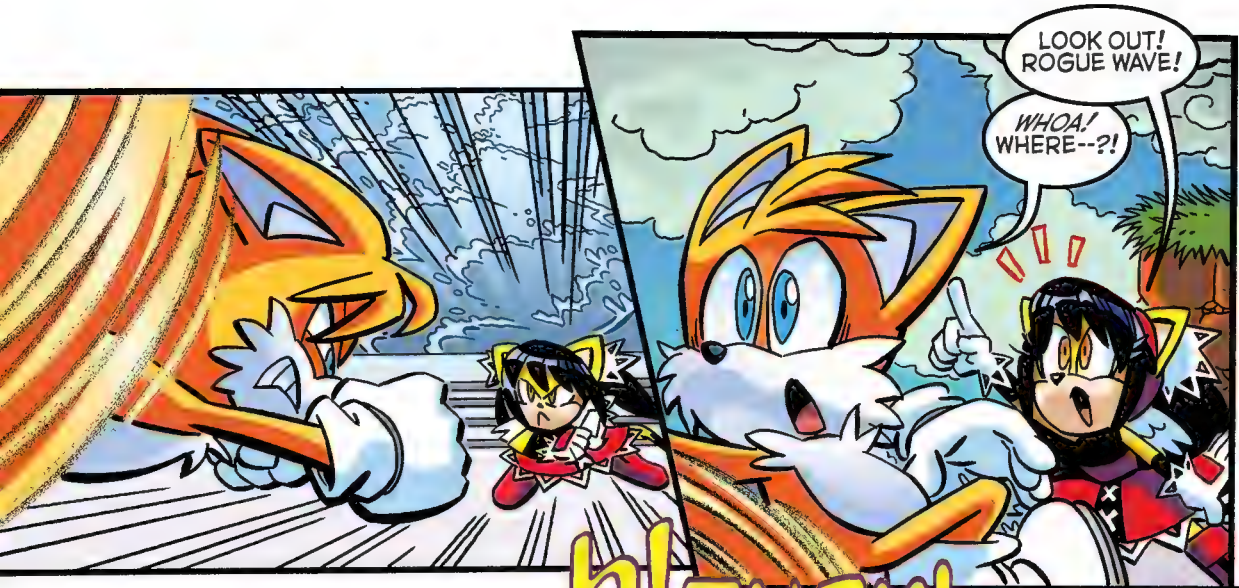
HONEY
BUSINESS-
SAVVY
FASHION
DIVA



TAILS
YOUNG
GENIUS









AND THE WINNER BY RING OUT--
HONEY!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE HELPING US?!



I *AM*. IF I WIN, THE CHAOS EMERALD IS YOURS. BUT THIS IS A FIGHTING TOURNEY, KIDDO. WE'RE HERE TO *TUSSLE!*



WELL, *I'M* NOT! YOU JUST ELIMINATED ME IN THE FIRST ROUND!

AND YOU CHEATED!



ALL IS FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR --AND BUSINESS IS A LITTLE BIT OF BOTH. C'MON! I'LL MAKE AMENDS. I KNOW *JUST* THE LOOK FOR YOU!

UH...?

ROUND 3...

I DIDN'T EXPECT US TO MEET AGAIN SO SOON.

DO I KNOW YOU? THE HORN'S KINDA FAMILIAR, BUT THEN AGAIN, I HANG OUT WITH A LOT OF COAT RACKS.

BEAN
TEAM HOOLIGAN
WEIRDO

IS THIS A JOKE? PUMPKIN HILL ZONE? THE MINES?! YOU TRIED TO LEAVE US IN A WATERY GRAVE! *

*SU 63-66--
"THE GREAT
CHAOS CAPER."

OH! RIGHT-RIGHT-RIGHT --YOU'RE THE SAMURAI LIZARD GUY.

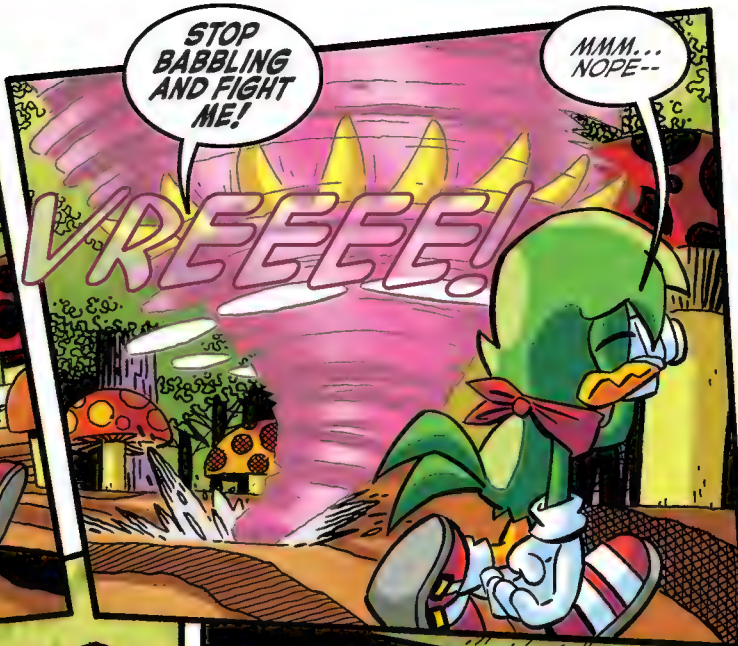
NEEGH...I NEED MORE LUMBAR SUPPORT...

NINJA!
I AM NO SAMURAI
LAP-DOG!





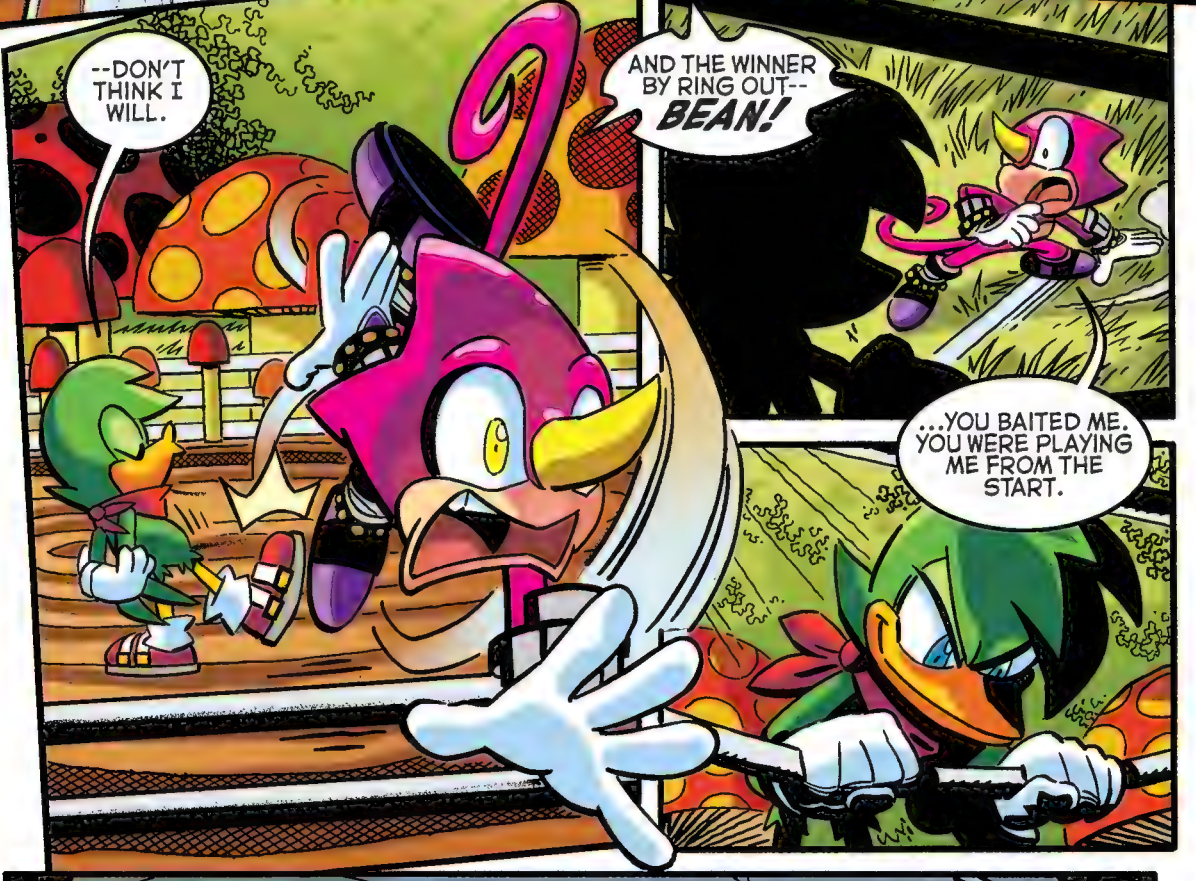
OH, I'D HOPE NOT. YOU'D MAKE FOR A *REALLY* UGLY DOG!



STOP **BABBLING** AND FIGHT ME!

MMM... NOPE--

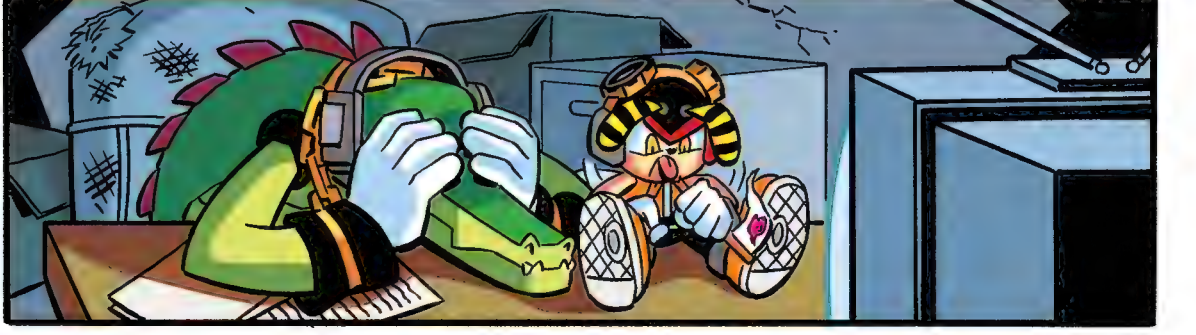
VREEEE!



--DON'T THINK I WILL.

AND THE WINNER BY RING OUT-- **BEAN!**

...YOU BAITED ME. YOU WERE PLAYING ME FROM THE START.



SOON--
ROUND 4!

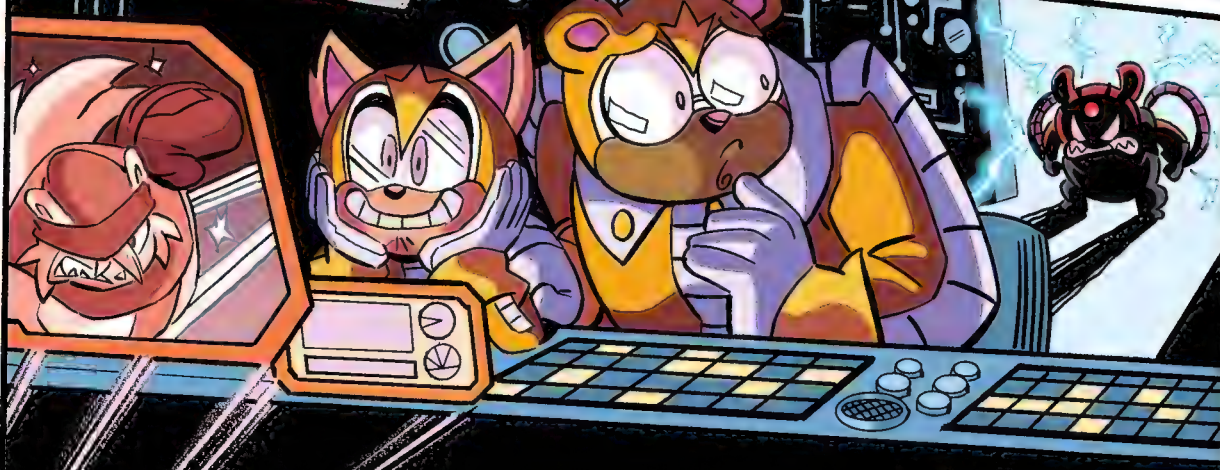
YOU AGAIN,
HUUH? THAT SUITS
ME JUST FINE.

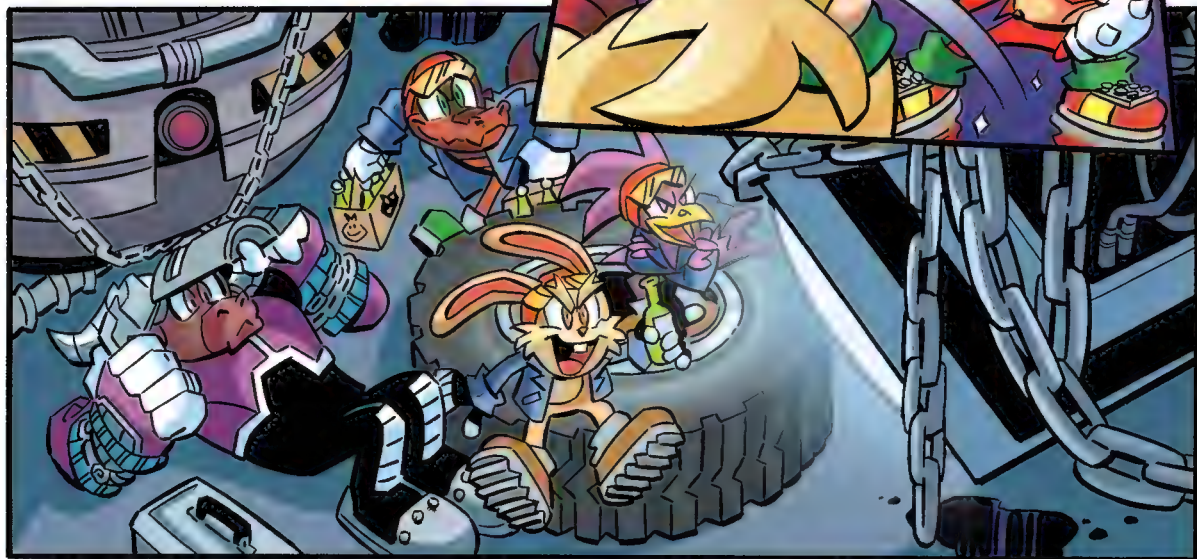
ANY
LAST
WORDS?
?

BARK
HOOLIGAN'S
SILENT
BRAWLER

WHACK!

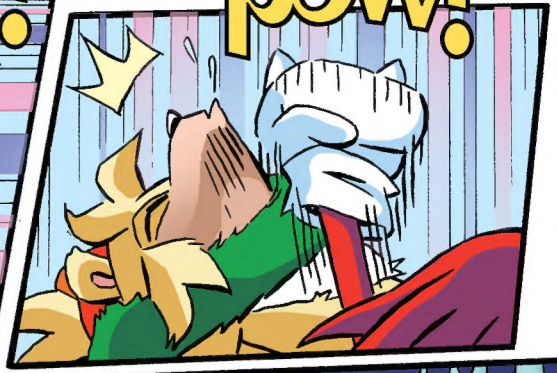
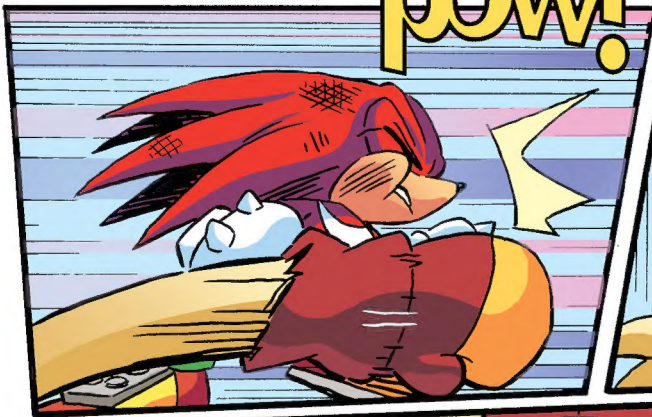
WONK!





pow!

pow!





AND THE WINNER BY KNOCKOUT--
KNUCKLES!

WOO!
WAY TO GO,
KNUCKLES!



I COULD'VE
DONE THAT...

OH,
STOP POUTING!
WE DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW KNUCKLES
WAS COMPETING!
THAT'S SOMEBODY
ELSE ON OUR SIDE!
AND HONEY AND I
ARE BOTH
ADVANCING!



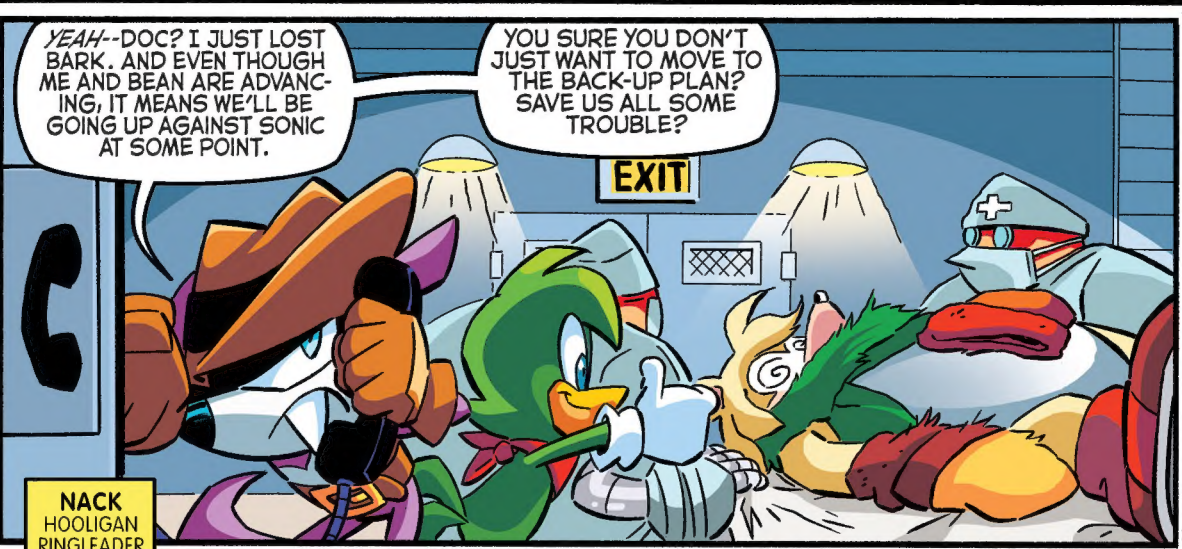
YOU GOTTA LOOK
ON THE BRIGHT
SIDE, KIDDO. FOR
INSTANCE, NOW
THAT YOU'RE
ELIMINATED...

...YOU DON'T
HAVE TO FIGHT
KNUCKLES. AMY,
ON THE OTHER
HAND...

WAIT--
WHAT?!
I'M FIGHTING
KNUCKLES?!



YEP...AND I
GET SONIC.



YEAH--DOC? I JUST LOST BARK. AND EVEN THOUGH ME AND BEAN ARE ADVANCING, IT MEANS WE'LL BE GOING UP AGAINST SONIC AT SOME POINT.

YOU SURE YOU DON'T JUST WANT TO MOVE TO THE BACK-UP PLAN? SAVE US ALL SOME TROUBLE?

NACK
HOOLIGAN
RINGLEADER



ABSOLUTELY NOT! I WANT THE SATISFACTION OF BEATING BREEZIE AT HER OWN GAME!

BUT IF YOU *FAIL*--THEN AND *ONLY* THEN DO WE START PLAYING *MY* GAME! AND THEN SONIC WON'T BE FIGHTING JUST FOR THE EMERALD--HE'LL BE FIGHTING FOR HIS *LIFE*!

THE **CHAMPIONSHIP** IS IN FULL SWING!
WHO WILL BE THE **LAST CONTENDER** STANDING?

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